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SUBJECT: POLISH NEWSPAPER ATTACKS SAIGON POLICY AS THREAT TO ICCS

REF: (A) SAIGON 9775 NOTAL,; (B) BUDAPEST 2097; (C) WARSAW 4494

1. THE FLARE-UP OVER THE POLDEL NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION REPORTED IN REF A WAS USED IN AN ARTICLE BY ANNA PIASECKA (ZYCIE WARSZAWY, AUGUST 1) TO ATTACK SAIGON FOR ALLEGEDLY DEPRIVING POLDEL OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO PIASECKA, SAIGON AUTHORITIES FIRST "WARNED" THE POLDEL AGAINST INVITING SOUTH VIETNAMESE (OPPOSITION) LEADERS, THEN RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE RECEPTION BY MEANS OF A POLICE CORDON. MADAME THANH WAS THUS "BRUTALLY" EXCLUDED FROM THE RECEPTION, ACCORDING TO PIASECKA.

2. PIASECKA LINKS THIS EVENT WITH EARLIER ONES SUCH AS THE CAI LAY INCIDENT AND SAIGON'S ALLEGED PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST

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THE POLDEL AND HUNGDEL. SHE ASSERTS THAT SAIGON'S ACTIONS

"VIOLATE" THE TWO DELEGATIONS' STATUS UNDER THE AGREEMENT AND STRIKE AT THE LEGAL BASIS OF THE ICCS' "EXISTENCE," MAKING IMPOSSIBLE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. SAIGON'S ATTITUDE RESULTS FROM ITS OVERALL POSITION VIS-A-CIA THE PARIS AGREEMENT, PIASECKA CONCLUDES.

3. SHE FURTHER ALLEGES THAT SAIGON HAS PARALYZED TH WORK OF THE TPJMC AND FPJMC, ONE AIM OF WHICH, SHE POINTS OUT, IS TO LOCATE AMERICAN MIA'S. FINALLY, PIASECKA CONTENDS THAT, BY I"IGNORING" THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRG AND "PERSECUTING" THE "LEGAL OPPOSITION", SAIGON "IS SABOTAGING" THAT PART OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT CLLING FOR A "POLITICAL SOLUTION" THROUGH CONVENING OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD AND SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.

4. BY CONTRAST, THE POLISH PRESS HAS SO FAR LIMITED ITS COVERAGE OF THE RECENT DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT CHARGING THE US WITH VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT THROUGH ALLEGED INCREASED IN MILITARY AID TO SAIGON TO A ONE-PARAGRAPH ITEM BURIED IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY'S BRIEF WRAP-UP OF WORLD EVENTS ON AUGUST 4.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE PIASECKA'S WAS A ONE-TIME SHOT, SINCE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI DID NOT MENTION THE NATIONAL DAY INCIDENT AND HAD EVIDENTLY NOT EVEN INTENDED TO DISCUSS ICCS DURING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE'S CALL ON HIM AUGUST 2. (REF C).
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